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Hello,

Please see below a response from Superfast South Yorkshire on the Draft Local Plan.

Firstly, we would like to commend the Broadband and Telecommunications section in Part 2: Development Management Policies and Implementation. It is positive to see the importance of good connectivity highlighted along with encouraging more than one network operator to ensure residents have choice and promoting competition amongst suppliers to ensure the best value for residents and businesses.

Additional points of feedback to note:

- Project Gigabit is set to connect some of the most rural of properties in the city to a gigabit capable network between 2023-2025 contributing towards achieving the government goal of 85% coverage.
- Sheffield City Council planning and highways departments have established innovative and efficient ways of working with network operators to facilitate the deployment of digital infrastructure throughout the city, including barrier busting charters and bespoke planning solutions.
- Superfast South Yorkshire share digital infrastructure updates regarding changes to planning regulations, the electronic communications code (ECC) and national connectivity programmes.
- Consultation and engagement with Mobile Network Operators (MNOs) will be important key to ensuring coverage and capacity to:
 - The 35,530 new homes by 2039 (2,090 homes per annum from 2022 to 2039)
 - New retail and leisure floorspace to be focused within identified town centres, which are the City Centre, along with the 17 District Centres, and all identified Local Centres (see Policy SP3 and Policy NC10)

Superfast South Yorkshire welcome the opportunity to feed into local policy on digital connectivity. Please contact us if we are able to contribute towards future consultations.

Thanks

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